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BUENOS AIRES FOR AMBASSADOR
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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (NEWSOM, DAVID)
SUBJ: MY VISIT TO ARGENTINA

1. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED BY BUENOS AIRES PRESS ACCOUNTS FORWARDED TO ME IN USICA CHANNELS, APPARENTLY BASED ON REPORTS FROM AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL WHICH PRESENT MY VISIT TO ARGENTINA IN CONTEXT RESPONSE TO AJA ESPIL'S DEMARCHE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY LAST WEEK. PRESS ACCOUNTS CAN BE READ TO SUGGEST THAT I AM COMING (WITH MILITARY COMPONENT) TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONTEXT OF ARGENTINA'S ROLE IN DEFENSE OF SOUTH ATLANTIC AND THAT MY APPROACH WILL BE IN CONTRAST TO THAT OF "DERIAN AND PASTOR."
2. I AM ASSUMING THAT AJA ESPIL'S REPORTS HAVE NOT CHANGED GOA'S BASIC UNDERSTANDING THAT I AM COMING TO DISCUSS MATTER IN SAME CONTEXT AND MOOD AS PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, GENERAL MCAULIFFE AND PAT DERIAN AND THAT RESULTS AS ENVISIONED IN MY WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS (RONDON HAS FULL DETAILS) ARE STILL POSSIBLE.
3. GIVEN PUBLICITY NOTED ABOVE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER, UPON ARRIVAL, I SHOULD ADD TO WHAT I SAY STATEMENT THAT I AM COMING AS MANIFESTATION OUR DESIRE FOR SATISFACTORY RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS STARTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE AND FURTHER CARRIED ON BY GENERAL MCAULIFFE AND ASST. SECRETARY DERIAN. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARE ALSO IN BUENOS AIRES TO ASSIST AAND MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE COURSE OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.
4. WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S AND DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS BY IMMEDIATE NIACT TO BOGOTA.
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